

Los Lunas, New Mexico – Today, Harry Teague announced that the New Mexico Junior College (NMJC) was awarded \$78,000 in Nuclear Education Grants by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). NMJC, located in Hobbs, can use the funding to provide scholarships for students studying nuclear engineering and science.

“I am glad to hear that the New Mexico Junior College will be receiving these funds. This scholarship money will be used to encourage the educational growth of New Mexico students in an important sector of both our local and national energy economy,” said Harry Teague. “With the LES National Enrichment Facility just down the road in Eunice, these students will have an opportunity to take the knowledge they’ve learned at NMJC and apply it right here in southern New Mexico. Developing a qualified nuclear energy workforce will help us attract even more energy jobs in Southeast New Mexico.”

NMJC is one of 19 community colleges and trade schools selected by a NRC panel of experts in the nuclear field to receive scholarship funds for boosting nuclear education and expanding the workforce in nuclear-related disciplines. The funds are part of an effort to support projects that are critical to maintaining the nuclear engineering and science communities. As a Lea County Commissioner, Teague was a leader in the community effort to attract the LES uranium enrichment plant to Eunice.